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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ZANICHELLI

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Customer No.: 30448

For: CATALYTIC SECONDARY REFORMING PROCESS AND
REACTOR FOR SAID PROCESS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This response is in reply to a restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated December 14, 2009, in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a response due on or before January 14, 2010. This response is timely filed.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement and requires election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-6, drawn to a catalytic secondary reforming process; and

Group II: Claims 7-14, drawn to a reactor for carrying out a reforming process.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-6) for further prosecution. Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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